

West Windsor, NJ – U.S. Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12), himself a professional physicist most of his career and a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, commended the Obama Administration's announcement Wednesday of a \$250 million public-private effort Wednesday to improve science and mathematics instruction. Holt noted the initiative would support efforts like one at the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton, which places math and science teachers with advanced degrees in schools in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

"I urge the Administration to match these commitments with a \$450 million investment in the Department of Education's Math and Science Partnership Program in the next appropriations bill."

The Math and Science Partnership Program is the only national teacher development program available to teachers across the U.S. In 2002, prior to the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the program provided \$498 million for teacher professional development in science and math. In Fiscal Year 2010, the Math and Science Partnership Program was funded at less than half that level at \$180.5 million.

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